

**The College of New Jersey
Board of Trustees
December 11, 2023
8:30 am**

Minutes of the Public Meeting Via Zoom

Present: Rebecca Ostrov, Chair; Carl Gibbs, Vice Chair; Kevin Drennan; Eleanor Horne; Rosie Hymerling; Brian Markison; Priscilla Nunez; Allen Silk; Treby Williams; Noelle Halikman, Student Trustee; Raj Manimaran, Staff Representative to the Board; Michael Bernstein, Interim President; Heather Fehn, VP, Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board

Not Present: James Allen; Sumit Mukherjee; James Schulz; Tammy Tibbetts; Madeline Urbish; Annmarie Ekladioius, Alternate Student Trustee; Crystel Maldonado, Staff Representative to the Board; Cindy Curtis, Faculty Representative to the Board; Deborah Hutton, Faculty Representative to the Board;

I. Announcement of Compliance

Chair Ostrov called the meeting to order at 8:31am and read the following announcement of compliance:

A. *It is hereby announced and recorded that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act as to proper notification as to time and place of meeting have been satisfied.*

II. Old Business

A. The College of New Jersey Board of Trustees Resolution Approving a Master of Professional Studies – Attachment A

It was moved by Mr. Markison, seconded by Mr. Drennan, that the motion be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Adjournment

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Silk, seconded by Mr. Drennan. The motion passed unanimously.

Be It

Resolved: That the next public meeting of The College of New Jersey Board of Trustees, will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at a time and location to be announced.

Be It

Further

Resolved: That this meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heather M. Fehn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Heather M. Fehn

VP, Chief of Staff & Secretary to the Board

**The College of New Jersey Board of Trustees
Resolution Approving a Master of Professional Studies**

- Whereas: An interdisciplinary group of faculty members has developed a proposed Master of Professional Studies degree program to be housed in the Office of Graduate and Continuing Education; and,
- Whereas: The requirements for this degree program will include the completion of two or more graduate certificate programs and the completion of an integrative, action research project in the culminating capstone course; and,
- Whereas: The program will offer an innovative means for working professionals to earn credentials (e.g., formal certificates) as they develop skills to further their careers; and,
- Whereas: This program is consistent with the mission of The College of New Jersey to give its students a “personalized, collaborative, and rigorous education,” that will enable graduates to be “critical thinkers, responsible citizens, and lifelong learners and leaders” who “sustain and enhance their communities;” and,
- Whereas: This program supports the The College of New Jersey’s strategic plan priority to “Expand graduate and continuing education structure and programming to serve graduate students and lifelong learners;” and,
- Whereas: This program has been reviewed and recommended by and the college-wide Graduate Studies Council and Committee on Academic Programs; and,
- Whereas: This program has been reviewed and recommended by the Mission Fulfillment Committee of the Board of Trustees.
- Therefore,
Be It
Resolved: That the proposed Master of Professional Studies be approved.

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